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To Whom It May Concern:

This comment is in regards to proceeding 05-311.

My name is Charles Dye and I teach Media Literacy to youth at Berks Communiity Television (BCC) in Reading PA. BCC is an AMAZING place. It ties together Reading into a vibrant, interconnected, involved community like no place else that I've ever seen.

No other content provider reaches the whole community like access TV does. Old folks, disabled people, polka dancers, marginalized youth, Spanish speakers—the list goes on and on! Commercial TV targets just one group: the consumer. This changes our society everyday for the worse—no longer do we think of others, we just think: “What can I go buy today?”

We need franchising rules that support this type of locally made, access TV! Public, Educational, and Governmental access television allows us to live in a democratic informed, involved society. PLEASE support PEG access television!

Thank you for your consideration.

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